# CHAPTER XVII

## THE MAKING OF A CHINESE "LENIN"

DR. SUN YAT-SEN was removed from the hotel to the Peking Union Medical College Hospital on January 26, and that evening an exploratory operation was performed. A Bulletin issued over the signatures of Drs. Krieg, Heng Liu and A. S. Taylor stated that a malignant tumour was found, and that his condition was critical. He had, in iact, cancer of the liver, in an advanced stage. He remained in the Hospital for some weeks, and was then, as already mentioned, removed to the former residence of Dr. Wellington Koo, where he was entirely in the hands of the small clique which had accompanied him to, or met him, at, the Capital. He lay a-dying, and while he was dying his entourage conspired to capitalize his death. The writer of the article quoted in the last Chapter referred to the political propaganda which was employed by the Kuomintang with the object of ** bringing about a condition in which Sun Yat-sen will become the Lenin of China/' That in fact .was what the inner circle now strove to achieve, and they seem to have infected Dr. Sun himself with the idea. Alive he could never attain the political stature (for good or for ill) of a Lenin; dead, he might by skilful stage-management be apotheosized into a Chinese

counterpart of the Soviet leader. The technique employed in Moscow